

Compact council to explore trade with Mexico
(SB 1030 by Uribe/H. Cuellar)

DIGEST: SB 1030 would have created the Texas-Mexico Authority within the Texas Department of Commerce to explore, develop and negotiate interstate compacts regarding trade with bordering Mexican states. The governor would have been required to initiate communications with Mexican officials. The authority would have been required to produce a written report to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker and certain other members of the Legislature. The Legislature would have been required to consider adopting proposed compacts negotiated by the authority. The bill would not have affected the right of any agency or official in Texas to enter into agreements with Mexico.

GOVERNOR'S
REASON
FOR VETO:

The council would supplant the role of the governor in overseeing relations between Texas and Mexico. Further, there are significant questions of Mexican constitutional law regarding the ability of the legislatures or councils of the Mexican states to negotiate any type of compact with an official other than the governor of the State of Texas.

RESPONSE: Sen. Hector Uribe, the author of SB 1030, had no comment.

NOTES: SB 1030 passed the House on the Consent Calendar and was not analyzed in a Daily Floor Report.